

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by proclamation dated March 14, 2020, issued by Tate Reeves, Governor of the state of Mississippi, a state of emergency was declared pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section §33-15-11, in order to address the high risk for an outbreak of the novel coronavirus, identified as COVID-19, in the state of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Proclamation has invoked the emergency powers of the Governor pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section §33-15-11(c)(1) to temporarily suspend the provisions of any statute, rule, or regulation of a state agency which would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, as an agency of the state of Mississippi wishes to comply with the Governor's proclamation and take those steps necessary to address access to needed medical care, including practice of chiropractic, to the citizens of the state of Mississippi during this time of emergency and the safety of chiropractic licensees; and

WHEREAS, gathering in groups of more than ten (10) persons or standing within six (6) feet of others increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners recognizes that classroom continuing education sessions would necessitate violating the requirements of the social distancing recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, the Mississippi Department of Health, and the Governor of the state of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, *Miss. Code Ann. § 73-6-5* empowers the Board to establish educational qualifications and continuing education requirements for chiropractic assistants and chiropractic radiological technologists; and

WHEREAS, Part 2001, Chapter 9, Section 100 of the Board's *Rules and Regulations* requires chiropractic radiological technologists to attain 12 classroom hours of study of a course of study approved by the board to satisfy their continuing education requirement; and

WHEREAS, Part 2001, Chapter 10, Section 100 of the Board's *Rules and Regulations* requires chiropractic assistants to attain six classroom hours annually of a course of study approved by the board to satisfy the continuing education requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that strict compliance with the requirements of Part 2001, Chapter 9, Section 100 and Part 2001, Chapter 10, Section 100 of the Board's *Rules and Regulations* may result in unnecessary face-to-face interactions which may increase the risk of transmission.

NOW THEREFORE, the requirements of Part 2001, Chapter 9, Section 100 and Part 2001, Chapter 10, Section 100 of the Boards *Rules and Regulations* that courses of study for continuing education requirements for chiropractic assistants and chiropractic radiology technologists consist of classroom hours will be suspended for the current continuing education year; and

FURTHER, only courses of study approved by the Board may be credited towards the continuing education requirement; and

FURTHER, except as specially stated herein, all other regulations remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDERED AND APPROVED, by the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, this the 2nd day of April, 2020.

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By: *Dorothy A. Pernell D.C.*
Dr. Dorothy Pernell, D.C., Chair
For and on Behalf of the Board